

MAY 9, 2006

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

7:00 P.M.

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Ferguson with City Councilors Medina, Harriman, and Nesbitt present along with City Attorney Landwehr, City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Public Works Director Bradford, several interested citizens and the press. Councilor Miller was out of town.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Ferguson explained the Consent Agenda is a group of items, that have been previously discussed or are of routine nature, that can be acted upon with a single motion and vote. Mayor Ferguson asked if any Councilor or citizen would like an agenda item removed from the Consent Agenda and acted upon individually. No one commented. Councilor Nesbitt read the following items that are on the Consent Agenda with his motion:

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2006.

Authorize Mayor to Sign IGA with Gunnison County for Gunnison Sage Grouse Conservation Coordinator and Related Programs.

Award Bid for Electric Pole Change-outs to Sturgeon Electric in the Amount Not to Exceed \$25,000.

Award Bid for Ornamental Street Lights and Poles to Wesco Distribution in the Amount Not to Exceed \$94,500.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Roll call vote, yes: Medina, Harriman, Ferguson, Nesbitt. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Mayor Ferguson stated that Councilor Miller informed Council at last week's Work Session that he would be absent this evening.

Councilor Medina moved and Councilor Harriman seconded the motion to excuse Councilor Miller from this evening's Regular Session.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Ferguson, Nesbitt, Medina. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Western State College Update by Dr. Jay Helman. Dr. Helman reported on the following: the new track has hosted several track meets this spring including 2 high school meets, one middle school meet and 2 college meets including last weekends RMAC track meet; the Tenderfoot Child and Family Development Center groundbreaking was this week; WSC has received funding for the Kelly Hall renovation project with planning to take place this year and construction to commence the following year; the Small Business Development Center has signed a contract to be hosted at WSC; there will be approximately 7000 participants in various programs, workshops, camps and classes at WSC this summer; approximately 300 students participated in commencement last weekend; accepted non-resident freshmen numbers are up for next fall; and due to increased revenues, the college will get \$2.7 million more than last year and they are asking the Board of Trustees to add staff and positions. The proposed 3-year IT improvement capital project was not funded. Councilor Nesbitt asked about the Borick Hall project. Dr. Helman stated construction on the new building should begin the second week in June with FCI doing the construction.

Youth City Council Members – Certificates of Participation. Youth City Council member Alan Nelson came forward and Mayor Ferguson presented him with a Certificate of Participation. The other members of the Council were not present due to scheduling conflicts. Council thanked Alan for his participation.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Set Public Hearing for New Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for Ol' Miner Steakhouse, Inc., dba Ol' Miner Steakhouse, 139 N. Main Street. City Clerk Davidson informed Council the City Attorney reviewed the application and the applicant has corrected the few deficiencies he found. The Fire Marshal, Building Official and Police Chief have received requests to comment and the applicants fingerprints have been forwarded to the CBI for the required background check. The premises will be posted per State Statutes giving public notice of the public hearing.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion to set the public hearing for the new Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for the Ol' Miner Steakhouse, Inc., dba Ol' Miner Steakhouse, 139 N. Main Street in Gunnison for Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 201 W. Virginia Avenue in Gunnison.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Nesbitt, Medina, Harriman. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Action on Division of Local Affairs (DOLA) Energy Impact Grant Funds Contract for Rio Grande Avenue Sewer Interceptor Project Contract and Authorize Mayor's Signature on Said Contract. City Manager Coleman informed Council that City Attorney Landwehr had reviewed the contract and had a couple of suggestions. However, the State does not negotiate on these contracts.

Councilor Harriman moved and Councilor Nesbitt seconded the motion to accept the Department of Local Affairs Energy/Mineral Impact Assistance Grant Contract EIAF #05397 for the Gunnison Rio Grande Avenue infrastructure project and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said contract.

Roll call vote, yes: Nesbitt, Medina, Harriman, Ferguson. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Action to Extend Terms of Jonathan Houck on Planning Commission and Marian Hicks and Marla Larson on the Board of Zoning Adjustments and Appeals to May 23, 2006. City Clerk Davidson informed Council as outlined in their packet memo, this request is to extend the three commission and board vacancies until May 23, 2006, when Council will appoint the vacancies. All three members have agreed to serve through the extended term.

Roll call vote, yes: Medina, Harriman, Ferguson, Nesbitt.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Resolution No. 4, Series 2006; Re: Recognizing and Commending Former City Manager Robert Filson for his Contributions to the City of Gunnison.

Councilor Nesbitt introduced Resolution No. 4, Series 2006, and it was read in full by Councilor Nesbitt.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion that Resolution No. 4, Series 2006, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING FORMER CITY MANAGER ROBERT FILSON FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY OF GUNNISON** be introduced, read, passed and adopted this 9th day of May, 2006.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Ferguson, Nesbitt, Medina. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

City Attorney: Rod Landwehr: Nothing further to report.

City Manager: Ken Coleman. Reported on the following: He received a letter from a citizen expressing issues with late evening noise, traffic and litter at Legion Park. After discussion, consensus was for the Mayor to send a letter to the citizen stating the City will install additional signage in the park area, look into the process to possibly decrease the speed limit on Virginia and to increase Police presence in the park during the late evening hours to encourage courtesy and respect for the adjoining neighborhood and discourage littering, excessive noise and drinking. Manager Coleman reported a child on a bicycle was hit by a vehicle in the intersection of Denver and 11th St. Staff discussed the traffic problems with that intersection and proposed some changes. After discussion, Council agreed to pursue placing four-way stop signs at the intersections of Denver and 11th and at the Virginia and 11th Street. The signs will be installed after school is out for the summer and advertising of the changes will take place. It is hoped the 'breakup' of the currently unimpeded traffic flow on 11th will slow the traffic. Public Works will also look into further signage reminding motorists of the presence of children around the schools. Councilor Medina would also like more Police enforcement of windshield visibility issues in the winter.

City Manager Coleman then discussed with Council the affordable housing issue. He has obtained the County's 17 Item 'Housing Toolbox' and feels Council would be well-served to discuss those items. There is an economic thread through the issues Council is dealing with – housing, transportation and telecommunication. He is suggesting Council look at broad strategic economic planning, especially through this and future budget cycles, for these issues. He knows this takes time but we also have some housing "quick wins" on the horizon with the VanTuyl property development, the West Gunnison Neighborhood development and the Gunnison Valley Partnership project.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson. In reference to the City Manager's report, the City Clerk suggested Council hold a work session meeting on the 5th Tuesday, May 30, to discuss the 17-item Housing Toolbox. Council concurred to meet on the 30th. City Clerk Davidson informed Council she received a telephone call from Jim Durr of Surface Creek Winery. He would like to participate in this summer's Farmer's Market. He obtains a winery off-site license from the State Liquor Division and he must comply with all of their requirements. He would like to sell closed bottled wine and would also like to provide samples for potential customers. This is allowed by the State. He wants to know if the City has any issues with this sampling and sale. After discussion, Council had no problem with Mr. Durr's request.

General Discussion/Items for Work Session:

Councilor Harriman: Report on Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting. Reported the Master Plan Steering Committee met and reviewed the last draft chapter for the Master Plan.

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Report: The Commission is also reviewing and modifying the draft Master Plan chapters, and is working on several applications including the proposed Gunnison Home Association Senior RV Park. The Commission attended a joint meeting with the County Planning Commission, where they agreed to develop cleared definitions, better communication and work towards a better Three Mile Plan.

Detention Facility Committee Meeting: After discussing the options for facility location at the Courthouse, the Committee has asked for refined additional plans for the site of the 2005 proposal. They want to eliminate the space between the new and existing building, unify the roof lines and refine the wrap-around plan. Councilor Harriman stated the Housing Authority would be meeting next week. Council thanked Councilor Harriman for attending all of these meetings.

Mayor Ferguson: Report on Mayors'/Managers' Meeting. The meeting was held at the WSC President's house where they followed the new agenda-led format. The entities discussed tax issues that may go to the voters in the next few years. They would like greater awareness by all the entities of what might go to the voters as property or sales tax initiatives. Some of these include the detention facility, library, CB Arts & Recreation proposals, and the City's pool and hockey rink improvements. City Manager Coleman added there was a lot of information sharing and discussion on the RTA and TA taxes sunseting in 2008. Discussion ensued. The Mayor and City Manager informed Council these items were also discussed: CB has a new recreation manager, Pitkin is considering a property tax issue, sales tax in Mt. CB is up 22%, and the County is working with a valley-wide committee to develop planning for a possible pandemic. Councilor Harriman asked about possible flooding and City Manager Coleman stated the Fire Marshal has been attending meetings about flooding and wildfire season and the feeling is now that flooding will most likely be confined to the smaller streams at the extreme north end of the valley.

Mayor Ferguson then brought up the issue of the US Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. This comes from the Global Treaty signed as the Kyoto Protocol. The Mayor asked Council to read and think about the information he passed out to them this evening. He would like to know their feelings about the City becoming a participant in the agreement. The Mayor stated he will be meeting with the telescope project committee next week to discuss re-energizing the project.

Mayor Ferguson then discussed a request from MGA Communications, the consulting firm retained by US Energy, to gather public input on the proposed Mt. Emmons project. MGA would like to meet one-on-one with governmental entities to gather input. Alan Bernholtz, Mayor of Crested Butte, has formulated a draft letter to send to MGA requesting more public forums for input rather than just sessions with select stakeholders. Mayor Bernholtz would like the valley's governmental entities to sign the letter. Discussion ensued. City Manager Coleman informed Council he had been contacted by MGA representative Emily Fisher requesting a

meeting. Consensus was Council would like more public forums but wouldn't discount meeting with MGA in a small group as well. MGA should also be invited to a work session meeting to talk with Council in an open forum. The Mayor will make some suggested changes to the draft letter and get it back to Mayor Bernholtz.

Councilor Nesbitt: Received a letter from Rocky's Gym regarding the week of May 15-21st being "Get Active America!" week. They are requesting the City proclaim the same week as "Get Active Gunnison!" week. The City Clerk will prepare a proclamation for the Mayor's signature. Councilor Nesbitt then asked the City Manager about the starting date for the ditch water. He has had contacts with citizens asking if this date is later than normal. The City Manager provided information for the past 8 to 10 years and the average date for ditch water to be turned on in town is around May 15th. This year the water will be turned on at the headgate on May 15th with water being in the City ditches on May 19th. Councilor Nesbitt attended the Tourism Association meeting this morning. Items discussed included: lodging rates are up; the TA website hits are way up; lodging hits on the website are up; and the regional profiles of website users are done. Colorado had the most, followed by Texas, and AOL users. With the increase in funding at the State Tourism level, they will be focusing on bringing more European and South American travelers to Colorado.

Councilor Medina: Informed Council he will not be at next week's Work Session.

Non-Scheduled Citizens:

Richard Karas commented that the joint City/County Planning meeting was very beneficial and the land use maps produced by CD Director Westbay were very helpful to the discussion. He then gave a report on the RTA Ground Transportation Taskforce meeting he attended yesterday. Discussed at that meeting: the number of trips per day proposed in the next few years; the RTA is apply for a Federal transportation grant to help finance the service; four proposed park'n'ride lot locations; and the ownership, operation, and maintenance of the actual rolling stock of vehicles. Mr. Karas also informed Council that the Gunnison Valley Community Alliance won the community participation award at the Community Clean-up and they used the \$100 in greenbacks along with an additional donation of \$120 and donated to the Gunnison Food Pantry.

Butch Clark addressed Council and gave them some information about reference materials for calculating the impact of developments. Included was: the number of employees per sq. ft. of development; the value per person from development; the need for affordable housing resulting from development; breakdown of housing costs; the costs of serving housing units; and the fiscal impacts of developments. He informed Council of a County discussion yesterday on affordable housing. They talked about employer housing requirements, split estates, and how dwelling units are transferred, not the land. Council thanked Mr. Clark.

Adjournment: At 8:38 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk